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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Preliminary to the examination of this application, please amend the patent application as follows:

## In\_the Claims

On page 78 of the application, please cancel without prejudice the claim that is before claim 166 and after claim 165.

174. (New) The system of claim 117 wherein said means for registering at least one user comprises means for recording a signature of said at least one user speaking said personal identification code, said system further comprising means for comparing said signature with said personal identification code spoken in said aural voice communication,

and said means for accepting comprising means for accepting said aural voice communication based on comparing said personal identification code and said signature.

# Remarks

On page 78, the claim that is before claim 166 and after claim 165 is inadvertently numbered as claim 19. To correct the numbering problem, Applicant has renumbered that claim to be claim 174. The amendment does not change the specification except for substituting the mentioned claim with a properly numbered version of that same claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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# APPENDIX TO PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

The Preliminary Amendment filed herewith amends the application as marked below:

# In the Claims

On page 78 of the application, the claim that is before claim 166 and after claim 165 is substituted with new claim 174 as follows:

[19.] 174. The system of claim 117 wherein said means for registering at least one user comprises means for recording a signature of said at least one user speaking said personal identification code, said system further comprising means for comparing said signature with said personal identification code spoken in said aural voice communication,

and said means for accepting comprising means for accepting said aural voice communication based on comparing said personal identification code and said signature.